

NOTES.

ON *TESTACELLA MAUGEI* IN CORNWALL. (*Read 14th November, 1913.*)
 —I have pleasure in recording the occurrence of two rare varieties of this species. (a) Var. *viridans*, G. & F. Mr. Roebuck says it is the first example recorded since 1883, when he had it from county Waterford. (b) Var. *griseo-nigrescens*, G. & F. Only previously found in co. Tipperary and Pembrokehire, twice, 1885 and 1904; up to the time of writing, 22nd February, 1913, these constitute two new records to the molluscan fauna of England. They were found under 12 in. chrysanthemum pots and old wooden planks in Mr. Howard Fox's beautiful garden at Rosehill, Falmouth; they are most abundant in the autumn. Two shells of this species in Penzance Museum are labelled Phillack near Hayle; the type has not occurred up to the time of writing this note.

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CONDENSATION OF MOISTURE WITHIN AND ON GLASS SPECIMEN TUBES. (*Read 14th November, 1913.*)—In May last I exhibited a number of glass specimen tubes from my cabinets that were liable to become covered inside and out with condensed moisture, whilst other tubes placed under similar conditions remained dry. Investigation of these tubes was made in the Mineral Department of the British Museum (Natural History), where similar cases had been met with, and the question was referred by that department to the National Physical Laboratory. I am permitted to quote from the reply to Dr. Herbert Smith as follows: "The difference between the two tubes, so far as an examination of the glass can show, appears to be due to a difference in the composition of the glass of the two tubes, one of which is probably somewhat hygroscopic, while the other is free from that property. In order to arrive at a definite conclusion on this point, however, it would be necessary to undertake a fairly complete analysis of the glass . . . As a rule the more hygroscopic glasses contain too much alkali or too little lime, and the trouble can be avoided by the makers if sufficient care is taken."

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